

## THROUGH THE STATE.

NEWS NOTES GATHERED BY  
PATCH CORRESPONDENTS.

The Old Burg Treated to a Surprise.  
An Assignment-To Visit Atlanta—  
Home for the Christmas Hollis-  
days.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., December 24.—(Special)—Our city was treated to a surprise this morning in the assignment of Mr. H. Winter, who has been doing a general merchandise business at No. 39 Commerce street. Mr. Winter is a comparatively new-comer in this city, having only been here some ten months. His scheduled liabilities are some \$1,500, with assets of probably \$2,000. Less than \$800 is owed to local merchants. Hon. William A. Little, Jr., is the trustee, and will proceed at once to dispose of the stock.

Mrs. M. Fannie Scott, relict of John F. Scott, before the war one of the proprietors of the largest foundry then here, died in Houston, Tex., yesterday; aged about 80 years. Mrs. Scott was a Miss Lane, of Rappahannock county, and connected with many of the prominent families of the State.

## TO VISIT ATLANTA.

Hon. M. B. Rowe and a party of friends will leave here in the morning for the Atlanta Exposition, to be gone six or eight days.

Cards are out for the marriage of Miss Maggie Jerrell, daughter of Mr. H. Jerrell, of Spotsylvania, to Mr. A. H. Wiggleworth, a prosperous young farmer of the same county.

Counting Mrs. G. W. Scott, whose protracted illness has kept him confined to the house for some months, was on the street for the first time.

## HOME FOR CHRISTMAS.

Among the natives of this city, residing temporarily abroad, are the following: Messrs. Horace Tansill, of Washington; W. G. Smith, of Pittsburgh; E. K. Stokes, of New York; Mrs. St. John, and Miss Abbie St. John, of New York, and Miss Mamie Ball, of Baltimore.

Mr. Luke W. White has as his guest for the winter his mother, Mrs. White, of Thomasville, N. C.

## Mrs. Ellis Tidman, of Philadelphia, will spend the holidays with the family of Colonel W. H. Richards.

Mr. John Daniel and son are here for a few days, the sons of Mrs. Daniel's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth.

Mr. R. E. Merchant, of Washington, is home for the Christmas holidays.

## MIDLOTHIAN GLEANINGS.

A Minister Pounded—Christmas Entertainments—Personal.

MIDLOTHIAN, VA., December 24.—(Special)—Rev. H. L. Winfree, who is pastor of several churches in this locality, was on yesterday visited by a number of members of Mt. Herman church, and given a "pounding" of the most delightful character. Christ, turkeys and confectives were a bountiful supply of other good things were presented to the popular young minister who was taken wholly by surprise, but expressed his gratitude, reading from the Bible.

Bethel-colored School will celebrate Christmas to-morrow morning at 10:30 o'clock. An interesting programme of songs has been arranged for the occasion, and a gift of \$100 will be given to each of the children. Mr. H. A. Justice, superintendent of the school, has been quite unwell for several days, but thinks he will be able to attend the exercises.

Mr. Jerry Jewett, getting up a dance to be given in Masonic Hall some night during the holidays.

Mr. F. A. Lamb, of Manchester, returned home yesterday, after spending several days at "The Cedars" with his wife, Mrs. William G. Lamb.

Mr. R. A. Miller has sold his farm and stock, and will remove his family to Texas, and will remain there until contemplated.

## GLOUCESTER COUNTY.

The New Clerk's Office and the Old Jail.

GLOUCESTER COURTHOUSE, December 24.—(Special)—Robert Thornton colored was thrown from his road-cart Saturday morning, and the wheel went over his head. He was taken home and died about 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

It is a great pity that the old debtor's jail should be torn down on the new Clerk's office, and only the old and the new Clerk's office left on the hill.

The "Debtor's jail" is spoken of as an old landmark, and those who favor it—remains are concerned iconoclasts.

The contract for the new Clerk's office will be signed December 31, 1896. Work will begin April 1, 1896, and the house will be turned over to the Board of Supervisors on October 1, 1896. Bills for materials will be issued to pay for the building.

On August 26, 1895, the Board of Supervisors declared that the boundary of each parish should be the roads and fields against horses, cattle, etc. Of course the law could not go into effect until the end of six months. The negroes were violently opposed to the "no-pedestrian" law and refused to obey it. The board received an anonymous letter mailed from Water View in Lunenburg county, saying that if they did not get the law changed he would be killed at sight.

## SHE GOT A GUN.

But the Robber Ran to the Woods and Escaped.

SALUDA, December 24.—(Special)—The store of A. J. Didlake was broken open Sunday at noon. Mrs. Didlake saw the robber enter the window, and, seizing a loaded shotgun, she ran to the store, a distance of a hundred yards, and stood guard at the broken window while her mother gave the alarm at Christ church where a Sunday school was in session. A number of men and boys went to Mrs. Didlake's assistance. Search for the robber was made, when what was supposed to be the gun was found in the church, and escaped into the woods.

The ladies of the Sunday school say it was a man in feminine apparel, the class was kept in session while the robbery was not captured. Exactly one year before on a Sunday morning the same store was broken open, and quite a sum of money stolen. This time the robber got nothing.

## THE FOX ISLAND RAID.

The Virginia State Fishery Vessels Guarding Planted Oysters.

A Crossfield (Md.) special says: The Virginia State fishery force is now guarding the private oyster-beds of Mr. William Ellinger, at Fox Island, below Crossfield. Mr. Ellinger reached Baltimore on Saturday night, and there received a telegram that his oysters were being looted at an oyster-ground to the detriment of Mr. O'Farrell the condition of affairs, and the Virginia fleet at once gave prompt, active, and efficient assistance. The men sent to guard the planted beds were only frightened off on the appearance of the police, and Mr. Ellinger has taken prompt and decided steps to protect his oysters, and there is little doubt but that some of the trespassers will be brought to justice.

## Roanoke Jottings.

ROANOKE, December 24.—(Special)—The National Mechanical Bank today declared a semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent. The remains of Miss Lena Peay, who died Sunday night in Roanoke, Ga., arrived here this evening. The funeral will take place to-morrow at 10:30 from Calvary Baptist church.

In the early morning a negro named Burball was sent to the grand jury without charge of forcible robbery. He and an accomplice entered a dive and robbed him of his money.

The Mozart Musical Club, which is in the full flower of its brilliant career, will be the attraction at the Auditorium to-morrow evening, appearing under the auspices of the Mozart Association, of this city. The organization is under the

direction and management of Mr. Mario Blodeck and Miss Richard Stoeler, who are both well known to our readers. Mr. Otto Lund and Mr. Theo Hoch, violinists; Mr. Richard Stoeler, viola; Mr. Mario Blodeck, cello; Mme. La Roche, piano; Mr. Carl Schmid, bassoon; Miss Louise Gunnar, prima donna contralto.

The programme will be as follows: Overture, "Titus," (Mozart); violins and solo, "Intermission" (Wagner); Mr. Richard Stoeler, contralto solo, "The Holy City"; (Adams) Miss Louise Gunnar, grand duet, "At Night"; Stoeler, solo, violin; Mr. Carl Schmid, bassoon; Mr. Mario Blodeck, chromatic harp solo, "Fantasie"; (Oberthauer) Mme. La Roche, piano; Mr. Carl Schmid, bassoon, solo, "Fantasie"; (Hoch) Mr. Theo Hoch, violinist, ob., "Andante" (Rubinstein); ob., "Intermission" (new); (Sax) "Sinfonia Concertante" (new); (Sax) "Fantasie Martha," (Krahl) Mr. Mario Blodeck, contralto solo, "The Gypsies" (Dunhill); Mme. La Roche, piano; violin solo, "La Muette di Portici," (Albara) Mr. Otto Lund, Roman triumphal trumpet solo, "Emperor's Suite," (Hoch) "National Song," (Hoch); Herr Theodore Hoch.

## THE PAPERS HAVE COME.

Court-Martial Record Signed by Mrs. O'Farrell's First Husband.

As was published in these columns, the Governor some time since received a letter from Mr. N. L. Wandell, of San Francisco, advising him that he had been appointed to the position of agent-general here, in his place, by his son, Mr. George T. King, the well-known man, who has received from his country friend a copy of the letter addressed to Mr. Wandell. The country gentleman endorsed the envelope, "Read and keep off the grass."

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